

What is claimed is:

[c1] A method for generating at least one hard-copy document using an image forming system without creating a concurrent individual job ticket for that at least one hard-copy document, the image forming system having a memory that stores at least one pre-configured job ticket having parameters for producing at least one document, the method comprising:
saving a document file having an embedded text string in the document file name that corresponds to at least one of the at least one pre-configured job tickets;
appending the pre-configured job ticket that corresponds to the embedded text string to the document file; and
outputting the at least one document according to the document file and the appended job ticket.

[c2] The method of claim 1, further comprising embedding at least one additional parameter value into the document file name, each embedded parameter value recognizable by the pre-configured job ticket that corresponds to the embedded text, wherein outputting the at least one document comprises outputting the at least one document according to the document file, appended job ticket and the at least one additional parameter value.

[c3] The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
determining whether any of the at least one pre-configured job tickets correspond to the embedded text string in the document file name;
creating at least one additional job ticket using at least one input device when none of the at least one pre-configured job tickets correspond to the embedded text string;
appending the created job ticket to the document file; and
outputting at least one document according to the document file and the appended job ticket.

[c4] A method, for an image forming system having a memory, of creating at least one pre-configured job ticket, comprising:
naming a job ticket;

defining zero, one or more parameters that are able to take a user-supplied value for the job ticket;

setting default values for each such parameter that is able to take a user-supplied value;

inputting values for any remaining parameters for that job ticket; and

storing that job ticket in the memory of the image forming system.